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The Appeal Brief filed on 15 September 2003 is defective for failure to comply with one or more provisions of 37 CFR 1.192(c). See MPEP § 1206.

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1. ☐ The brief does not contain the items required under 37 CFR 1.192(c), or the items are not under the proper heading or in the proper order.
2. ☐ The brief does not contain a statement of the status of all claims, pending or cancelled, or does not identify the appealed claims (37 CFR 1.192(c)(3)).
3. ☐ At least one amendment has been filed subsequent to the final rejection, and the brief does not contain a statement of the status of each such amendment (37 CFR 1.192(c)(4)).
4. ☐ The brief does not contain a concise explanation of the claimed invention, referring to the specification by page and line number and to the drawing, if any, by reference characters (37 CFR 1.192(c)(5)).
5. ☐ The brief does not contain a concise statement of the issues presented for review (37 CFR 1.192(c)(6)).
6. ☐ A single ground of rejection has been applied to two or more claims in this application, and
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7. ☒ The brief does not present an argument under a separate heading for each issue on appeal (37 CFR 1.192(c)(8)).
8. ☒ The brief does not contain a correct copy of the appealed claims as an appendix thereto (37 CFR 1.192(c)(9)).
9. ☒ Other (including any explanation in support of the above items):

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Notice of Defective Appeal Brief

1. This is in response to the brief on appeal filed on 09/15/2003.
2. Claim 25 in the appendix of the brief is different and not consistent with claim 25 in the amendment A filed on 01/21/2003 and entered as paper No. 4 . It is noted to applicant that the amendment after final rejection under 37 CFR 1.116, filed on 06/09/2003, was not entered, as stated in the advisory action dated 07/02/2003.
3. The brief does not present an argument to the issue, "Were claims 25 and 26 properly rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph?".
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